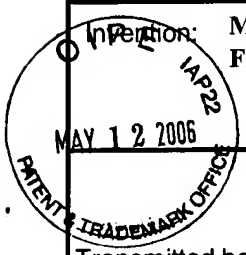


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Applicant(s): John H. Stevens et al.				15302ZYXWAZ (HRT-176)	

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Inventor: **MINIMALLY-INVASIVE DEVICES AND METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE**

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